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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Roger STAVE  
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FLUID PRESSURE  
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**REMOVAL OF ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28 (c)(2)(i), Applicant hereby requests removal of small entity status pursuant to §1.27(g) (2) in the above-identified application.

*If status as a small entity is established in good faith, and fees as a small entity are paid in good faith, in any application or patent, and it is later discovered that such status as a small entity was established in error, or that through error the Office was not notified of a loss of entitlement to small entity status as requested by 1.27(g)(2), the error will be excused upon: compliance with the separate submission and itemization requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section, and the deficiency payment requirement of paragraph (c)(2) of this section.*

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The itemization of fees are as follows:

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Type of fee and date	Current fee for non-small entity	Fee actually paid	Deficiency
Basic National Filing Fee (5/26/2006)	\$330.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
Search Fee (5/26/2006)	\$430.00	\$250.00	\$180.00
Examination Fee (5/26/2006)	\$220.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
15 extra dependent claim fees (8/22/2006)	\$780.00	\$375.00	\$405.00
1 extra independent claim fee (8/18/2009)	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Extension of Time fees (2 month) (8/18/2009)	\$490.00	\$245.00	\$245.00
Issue Fee (1/27/2010)	\$1,510.00	\$755.00	\$755.00
			Total Def. \$1,995.00

The total deficiency fees owed to the Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$1,995.00 are submitted herewith by the attached credit card authorization form PTO-2038.

Fees paid henceforth will be paid based on large entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

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even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to  
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Respectfully submitted,

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